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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/421,771

Filed: October 19, 1999

For: Method and Apparatus for Fault
Tolerant, Software Transparent and High
Data Integrity Extension to a Backplane or
Bus Interconnect

Art Unit: 2664

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the outstanding final Office action mailed on April 19, 2004 (the "Final Office Action") and to Advisory Action mailed on June 30, 2004. The Final Office Action set a three-month period for response. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month

extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3), and submits fee under 37 CFR § 1.17. The response is therefore timely. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with applicable fee is submitted together with this paper. Authorization is granted to charge all fees necessary to file this paper and the RCE to Deposit Account No. 50-0365. A separate paper authorizing the charges is attached hereto.

Claim amendment begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.